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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

REF: STATE 184584; 187723

SUMMARY: KOREA, PORTUGUESE ISSUES, KHMER
CREDENTIALS DISCUSSED SPETELS. ON REMAINING ISSUES
MEA DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT HAD NO STRONG
VIEWS. AFRICAN ISSUES WERE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE BUT
AT LEAST ON TWO OF THEM FMG POSITIONS APPEARED
DEPENDENT ON MOOD OF OTHER AFRICANS. EMBASSY
SUGGESTS THAT USUN CONSIDER DISCUSSING ISSUES
INDIVIDUALLY AS THEY ARISE SINCE FINAL POSITIONS WILL
PROBABLY NOT BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE ARIKPO DEPARTURE
FOR NEW YORK. FMG REQUESTED U.S. VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. END SUMMARY

1. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING KOREA, KHMER CREDENTIALS
AND PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES WITH DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT MEA SEPTEMBER 17, EMBOFF AND ADENIJI
WENT OVER MOST OF THE ISSUES REAISED REFTELS.
SOME ISSUES WERE NOT DISCUSSED AND ADENIJI DID NOT
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APPEAR TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS TO RAISE.

REACTIONS ARE, THEREFORE, AS FOLLOWS:

2. SOUTH AFRICA: ADENIJI SAID THAT HE EXPECTED AFRICANS TO PUSH SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS SUBJECT MUCH FURTHER THAN BEFORE. WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHAT HE MEANT, ADENIJI EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AFRICANS MIGHT CALL FOR EXPULSION OR AT LEAST SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA. BEFORE EMBOFF COULD REITERATE US VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE, ADENIJI SAID HE KNEW THEM VERY WELL AND HAD HOPED THAT WE HAD CHANGED.

3. NAMIBIA: FMG HAD NO PARTICULAR POSITION ON WHAT COULD FURTHER BE DONE. ADENIJI WAS UNSURE OF POSITION OF OTHER AFRICANS BUT AGREED THAT IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE EFFECTIVE. AT SAME TIME HE SAW NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE SHOULD SOUTH AFRICA NOT CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD STATED IT WOULD MAKE SOME GESTURE WITH RESPECT TO WITHDRAWING FROM NAMIBIA IN LIGHT OF EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. EMBOFF REPLIED HE HAD NOT HEARD OF SUCH AN EVENTUALITY BUT WOULD INQUIRE. (COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF SOUTH AFRICA DID IN FACT INDICATE IT WOULD DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA.)

4. SOUTHERN RHODESIA: ADENIJI SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT ANYTHING NEW TO EMERGE ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA. HE NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT UK WAS IN MIDDLE OF PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS AND HE DOUBTED WHETHER LABOR GOVERNMENT OR ANY SUBSEQUENT GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ANY INITIATIVES ON THIS QUESTION. HE ASSUMED THAT THERE WOULD BE JUST ANOTHER RESOLUTION ON RHODESIA WHICH WOULD HAVE NO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS: ADENIJI DID NOT VENTURE ANY VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE. HE ACCEPTED EMBOFF'S COMMENTS WITH EQUANIMITY AND AGREED THAT UNGA SHOULD DEMONSTRATE CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL AREAS OF WORLD. HE JOKINGLY ASKED WHETHER THE US WAS GOING TO RAISE

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SITUATION IN UGANDA.

6. MIDDLE EAST : ADENIJI AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO POLEMICAL DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST AND THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO JEOPARDIZE THE CURRENT PEACE TALKS. HE NOTED THAT NIGERIAN DELEGATION WOULD PRIVATELY MAKE POINT TO ARABS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO POLEMICS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION

ISSUE WILL SURFACE DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINCE ARABS WANT TO GIVE PALESTINIANS SOMETHING TO WHICH THEY CAN POINT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ARABS HAD RESOLUTION ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION WHICH WOULD CALL UPON STATES TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. HE INDICATED FMG WOULD SUPPORT IT IF IT CAME TO VOTE.

7. UNRWA: AS OF MOMENT NIGERIA STILL HAS NOT ACTED UPON REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA. ADENIJI DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BUT DID TAKE NOTE OF EMBOFF'S REMARKS.

8. UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING: FMG WOULD NOT OBJECT TO FUNDING FORMULA REACHED IN 1973. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FMG WAS ON STANDBY TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS BUT SO FAR HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INDICATION FROM UNSYG THAT NIGERIAN TROOPS REQUIRED. DESPITE ABSENCE OF REQUEST IT IS IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE SENDING OF NIGERIAN TROOPS THAT FMG AGREES WITH CURRENT FUNDING FORMULA.

9. DISARMAMENT: ADENIJI HAD NO COMMENTS SAVE TO SAY THAT SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES ALSO WANTED TO CREATE SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. USUN MAY WISH TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH NIGERIAN DDLEGATION ON THIS ISSUE.

10. STEAMROLLER TACTICS: ADENIJI AGREED THAT STEAMROLLER TACTICS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND THAT SHLD BE MAXIMUM USE OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN VARIOUS REGIONAL GROUPS IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT OMJYY
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SHOULD
NOT BE A "MINORITY OF ONE".

11. ON REMAINING ISSUES (PARAS 20 THROUGH 25 AND PARAS 27, 29 OF STATE 184584), ADENIJI EXPRESSED NO OPINION.

12. UN BUDGET: ADENIJI SAID FMG SHARED VIEW THAT 1975 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS SHOULD BE ESSENTIAL AND MINIMAL, BUT NOTED THAT X L PREPARED TO CONSIDER MORE SERIOUSLY THAN US INCREASES FOR UN PROGRAMS AS OPPOSED TO SALARY INCREASE.

13. UN SALARY INCREASE: HE AGREED THAT SALARIES SHOULD NOT BE INCREASED.

14. ADENIJI REMINDED EMBOFF THAT FMG HAD CANDIDATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. HE ASKED
EMBOFF WHETHER US HAD TAKEN POSITION ON WHOLE QUESTION
OF ICSC IN AS MUCH AS IT HAD BEEN POSTPONED LAST GA.
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